

2nd Sunday in Advent
December 7th, 2025

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
Gospel : Matthew 3:1-12

[Full readings can be found here](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries you can find the Gospel reading by clicking [HERE](#). (*Bishop O'Connell's Gospel Reflection page.*)

As an alternative to reading the Gospel, you can watch a short video with the proclamation for adults by clicking [HERE](#). (*YouTube, WOG channel, 2:02 min*)

Children can also watch a video proclamation of the Gospel by clicking [HERE](#). (*YouTube, Everyday Can Be A Sunday, 3:23 min.*)

2. PRAY

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist began preaching in the desert of Judea, saying, "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!*"

Gather with family or friends to reflect on this call from John the Baptist to prepare the way for the Lord.

During this season of Advent, you can prepare your heart to receive Jesus by taking a moment to pray and ask for forgiveness for the people in our lives we may have hurt through our words or actions.

After bringing these people to mind, write their names on a piece of paper and place their names in your prayer space.

Say a prayer to Jesus on behalf of those names, asking for healing of those relationships that were hurt or broken. Consider going to the sacrament of Reconciliation to receive the gift of a clean heart. Write a Christmas card or note to the person you wish to receive forgiveness from.

3. TALK

The second candle we light during Advent is the candle of **PEACE**. As you remember the name you wrote down on the piece of paper, how do you think reconciliation with that person will bring you peace of heart?

For example, you might say to yourself, "*I will feel true peace in my heart when I reconcile with that friend or family member I hurt. Thank you Jesus for the gift of Reconciliation.*"

Have a conversation with a family member or friend about your intention. *In what way do you want Jesus to grant that intention?*



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